CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1    1.    A method of displaying examination information during one or more portions of

2    an examination, comprising the steps of:

3    providing a timer for timing the duration of a portion of the examination;

4    tracking the number of questions answered by a user during the portion of the

5        examination; and

6    displaying information relating to both the time remaining in the portion of the

7        examination and to the number of questions remaining in the portion of the

8        examination.


1    2.    The method of claim 1, wherein the displayed information includes an average

2    amount of time remaining per remaining questions.


1    3.    The method of claim 1, wherein the displayed information is a number equal to

2    the time remaining divided by the number of remaining questions.


1    4.    The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the amount of

2    time elapsed during the portion of the examination.


1    5.    The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the amount of

2    time remaining in the portion of the examination.

1    6.    The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the number of

2    questions answered.


1    7.    The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the number of

2    questions remaining.


1    8.    The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing memory for

2    storing information relating to one or more specific standardized examinations.


1    9.    The method of claim 8, wherein the duration of and the number of questions in

2    the portion of the examination is stored in the memory.


1    10.    The method of claim 8, wherein information relating to a plurality of specific

2    standardized examinations is stored in the memory, the method further comprising the

3    step of allowing a user to select predetermined parameters for an examination based on

4    the stored information.


1    11.    The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of activating a visual indicator

2    to alert a user of an event relating to the operation of the timer.


1    12.    The method of claim 11, wherein the user is alerted without using an audible

2    device.

1　13.　The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed on a computer

2　monitor.

1　14.　The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed on a display of an

2　electronic device.

1　15.　A timer for timing an event comprising:

2　a display;

3　one or more buttons for allowing a user to start and stop the timer; and

4　a visual indicator for alerting a user to an event, wherein the user is alerted without using

5　　　an audible device.

1　16.　The timer of claim 15, further comprising a sub-event button for allowing a user

2　to time sub-events by pressing the sub-event button during the timed event.

1　17.　The timer of claim 16, wherein the display displays information relating to the

2　duration of a sub-event.

1　18.　The timer of claim 17, wherein the display displays an average amount of time

2　allowed for future sub-events during the timed event.

1　19.　The timer of claim 16, wherein the display displays the number of past

2　sub-events.

1    20.    The timer of claim 15, wherein the display displays the number of future

2    sub-events.


1    21.    The timer of claim 16, wherein the display displays statistical information related

2    to the timed event the sub-events


1    22.    A method of displaying information during a timed event having sub-events,

2    comprising the steps of:

3    providing a timer for timing the duration of the event;

4    tracking the number of sub-events during the event; and

5    displaying information relating to both the time remaining in the event and to the number

6         of sub-events.


1    23.    The method of claim 22, wherein the displayed information includes an average

2    amount of time remaining per remaining sub-event.


1    24.    The method of claim 22, wherein the displayed information includes the number

2    of past sub-events.


1    25.    The method of claim 22, wherein the displayed information includes the number

2    of sub-events left during the timed event.


1    26.    The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of activating a visual

2    indicator to alert a user of the end of a timed period.

1  27.  The method of claim 26, wherein the user is alerted without using sound.